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In re Application of:

Stephenson, et al.

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For: Method of Treating
Subterranean Formations
with Porous Ceramic
Particulate Materials

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF 27 OCTOBER 2006

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action of 27 October 2006 in the above-referenced proceeding.

REMARKS

Claims in the Application. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-29, 31-51, 54-55, 57-59 and 62-82 are active in this application.

Interview of November 30, 2006. Applicants' attorney wishes to thank Examiner Bates for the most helpful and courteous interview which was extended on November 30, 2006. At this interview, the differences in the nature of the materials claimed by Applicants were discussed in comparison to the materials disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,772,838 ("*Dawson*"). Such